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MDEQ Issues Water Contact Advisory for Riverdale Creek

(JACKSON, Miss.) – The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) issued a water contact advisory Monday for the lower segment of Riverdale Creek in Grenada. The advisory extends from the railroad crossing of Riverdale Creek to the creek's confluence with the Yalobusha River.

Drought conditions along with industrial contamination from a historic chemical solvent groundwater plume appear to have negatively impacted the stream. Recent water quality monitoring has indicated these waters could be unsafe for human contact or consumption. MDEQ recommends that people avoid water contact such as swimming, wading, and fishing. People should also avoid drinking from the creek and eating fish or anything else taken from these waters until further notice.

MDEQ will continue to monitor the water quality in Riverdale Creek and will revise the advisory as needed. For questions about the advisory, please contact Doug Upton at 601-961-5155.

(see attached map for advisory location)

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